

House Resolution No. 4638

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago, Jerry Birkes took the hand of his beautiful bride, Joye, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony on August 31, 1957; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Jerry and Joye Birkes have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Teresa and Steve Waller, David and Cindy Birkes, Susan Birkes, and Kelly Birkes; four grandchildren, Joshua and Jordan Birkes and Steve and Chris Waller; and three great-grandchildren, Tierney, Mallory, and Mia Waller; and

Whereas, Jerry Birkes is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors at Hallmark Cards, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Joye Birkes offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Jerry and Joye Birkes have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Birkes commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 31, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jerry and Joye Birkes for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Birkes.

Offered by _____
Representative Will Kraus
District No. 48

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4638, adopted September 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker